

Page 4, line 8, insert --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

Page 4, line 26 insert --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as amended under Article 34 as follows.

Claim 4, line 1, change "any of the claims 1 to 3" to --claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 1, change "any of the claims 1 to 4" to --claim 1--.

Please add the following new claims:

6. A reel up/winder comprising:

a reel spool for forming a roll, said reel spool having an axis;

a support assembly comprising at least a first roll, at least a second roll and a belt arranged around said at least a first roll and said at least a second roll, wherein said at least first roll and said at least second roll each have an axis substantially parallel to said axis of said reel and wherein one of said at least a first roll and said at least a second roll has a substantially spiral shaped groove pattern formed on a outer surface of said roll, said groove pattern extending along an axially width of said roll.

7. The reel up/winder according to claim 6, further comprising a first winding drum and wherein said first winding drum is arranged such that said paper web runs through a first nip defined by said first winding drum and said reel and then through a second nip defined by said at least first roll of said support assembly.

8. The reel up/winder according to claim 6, further comprising a reel cylinder arranged before said reel spool in a direction of travel of said web.

9. The reel up/winder according to claim 6, wherein a depth of said groove is about .3 to about 1.5 mm.

10. The reel up/winder according to claim 9, wherein the depth of said groove of said groove is about .3 to about 1.0 mm.

11. The reel up/winder according to claim 6, wherein a width of said groove is about 20 to about 150 mm.

12. The reel up/winder according to claim 11, wherein the width of said groove is about 35 to about 100mm.

13. A reel up/winder comprising:

a reel spool for forming a roll, said reel spool having an axis;

a reel cylinder arranged before said reel spool in a direction of travel of a web;

a endless belt arranged around a plurality of guide rolls, said endless belt structured and

arranged to guide said web through a nip defined between said reel cylinder and said reel spool;

wherein an outer face of a mantle of said reel cylinder has a substantially spiral shaped groove formed therein, said groove extending across an axial width of said reel cylinder.

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